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Subject: Submission of 2BB-BOS0712 2009 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Report

Dear Mr. Hanks:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt of a submission from Hope Bay Mining Ltd. entitled 2009 Annual Geotechnical Inspection. This submission has been placed on the NWB public registry and is available from the NWB ftp site, **username: public, password: registry**.

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Sincerely,

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